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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	
SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION,	
Plaintiff,	Adversary Proceeding No. 08-01789 (BRL)
-against- BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES,	SIPA Liquidation
LLC, Defendants.	OBJECTION TO TRUSTEE IRVING PICARD'S
In re BERNARD L. MADOFF,	DETERMINATION OF CLAIM
Debtor	

Felkirk Limited ("Felkirk"), by and through its attorney of record, Withers

Bergman LLP, hereby objects to the determination by Trustee Irving Picard denying

Felkirk's claim for the full protection provided under SIPA.

- 1. Pursuant to the order of this Court dated December 23, 2008, on or about June 26, 2009, Felkirk filed a Claim with the Trustee.
- 2. By letter dated December 8, 2009, the Trustee informed Felkirk that "[b]ased on a review of available books and records of BLMIS by the Trustee's staff, you do not have an account with BLMIS. Because you did not have an account, you are not a

customer of BLMID under SIPA, as that term is defined at 15 U.S.C. § 781ll(2). Accordingly, your Claim for securities and/or a credit balance is **DENIED**."

- 3. Indeed, the Trustee sent two separate, but substantively identical, letters to Felkirk, one denying its claim under Claim Number 013455, and the other denying it claim under Claim Number 013830. Copies of both letters from the Trustee are annexed hereto as Exhibit A. To protect its rights, Felkirk's Objection applies to both claim numbers.
- 4. Felkirk hereby objects to the Trustee's determination denying its claim on the basis that the determination that Felkirk is not a customer is, as a matter of fact and law, incorrect.
- 5. As the Trustee has previously acknowledged, Madoff structured his scheme such that only a limited number of entities "directly" invested in BLMIS, with investments being made by many investors, such as Felkirk, through the limited number of feeder funds approved by Madoff. The Trustee, in denying such investors' claims, has asserted a highly technical interpretation of the relevant SIPA statutes. However, individuals and entities who invested with BLMIS through feeder funds are exactly the type of investors for whom SIPA was enacted to protect, and they should not be penalized because of the structure Madoff himself created to advance his fraud.
- 6. Upon information and belief, Felkirk understands that certain legislation has been, or may be, introduced seeking to expressly require SIPC to allow the claims of supposed "indirect investors," such as Felkirk. By this Objection, Felkirk hereby expressly reserves its right to benefit from any such legislation or any other legislative measures taken affecting which claimants may recover from SIPC.

- 7. Felkirk refers to the Objections filed by claimants who received letters from the Trustee denying their claims on the basis that they too were not "customers" of BLMIS, and hereby adopts those Objections herein to the extent they are applicable to Felkirk, and consistent with Felkirk's position and interests.
- 8. Felkirk hereby reserves the right to amend or supplement this Objection, and any failure to object on a particular procedural or substantive ground shall not be deemed a waiver of any such rights.

Dated: February 4, 2010

WITHERS BERGMAN LLP

By:

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EXHIBIT A

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC

In Liquidation

DECEMBER 11, 2008¹

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S DETERMINATION OF CLAIM

December 8, 2009

FELKIRK LTD.
PO BOX 510
2 HILL ST.
ST. HELIER, JERSEY JE4 5TR
UK

Dear FELKIRK LTD.:

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY.

The liquidation of the business of BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC ("BLMIS") is being conducted by Irving H. Picard, Trustee under the Securities Investor Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78aaa et seq. ("SIPA"), pursuant to an order entered on December 15, 2008 by the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

The Trustee has made the following determination regarding your claim designated as Claim No. 013455:

Based on a review of available books and records of BLMIS by the Trustee's staff, you did not have an account with BLMIS. Because you did not have an account, you are not a customer of BLMIS under SIPA as that term is defined at 15 U.S.C. § 78/// (2). Accordingly, your Claim for securities and/or a credit balance is **DENIED**.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: If you disagree with this determination and desire a hearing before Bankruptcy Judge Burton R. Lifland, you <u>MUST</u> file your written opposition, setting forth the grounds for your disagreement, referencing Bankruptcy Case No. 08-1789 (BRL) and attaching copies of any documents in support of your position, with the United States Bankruptcy Court **and** the Trustee within **THIRTY DAYS** after December 8, 2009, the date on which the Trustee mailed this notice.

¹ Section 78///(7)(B) of SIPA states that the filing date is "the date on which an application for a protective decree is filed under 78eee(a)(3)," except where the debtor is the subject of a proceeding pending before a United States court "in which a receiver, trustee, or liquidator for such debtor has been appointed and such proceeding was commenced before the date on which such application was filed, the term 'filing date' means the date on which such proceeding was commenced." Section 78///(7)(B). Thus, even though the Application for a protective decree was filed on December 15, 2008, the Filing Date in this action is on December 11, 2008.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE: If you do not properly and timely file a written opposition, the Trustee's determination with respect to your claim will be deemed confirmed by the Court and binding on you.

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE: You must mail your opposition, if any, in accordance with the above procedure, to each of the following addresses:

Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York One Bowling Green New York, New York 10004

and

Irving H. Picard, Trustee c/o Baker & Hostetler LLP Attn: Claims Department 45 Rockefeller Plaza New York, New York 10111

Irving H. Picard

Trustee for the Liquidation of the Business of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC

In Liquidation
DECEMBER 11, 2008¹

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December 8, 2009

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UNITED KINGDOM

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The Trustee has made the following determination regarding your claim designated as Claim No. 013830:

Based on a review of available books and records of BLMIS by the Trustee's staff, you did not have an account with BLMIS. Because you did not have an account, you are not a customer of BLMIS under SIPA as that term is defined at 15 U.S.C. § 78/// (2). Accordingly, your Claim for securities and/or a credit balance is **DENIED**.

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